

# BOSTON PRICES STILL HIGH.

## Although Thirty Fish Fares Are at T Wharf.

Although there are 30 fares of fish at T wharf this morning, there is far from enough to make even a lunch for the haddock and cod hungry dealers, and in consequence the sky high prices which have prevailed since Monday morning are still very much in evidence, indeed so small is the amount of fish offered for sale that the dealers cannot begin to fill their orders. Last week they were deluged with fish and prices were more than low. It only shows what a few days of bad blowy weather will do to both catch and price.

All the 30 crafts in this morning are market fishermen and little shore boats, among them being seven of the pollock fleet. The total amount in is about 320,000 pounds pollock, so the supply of haddock and cod to meet the big demand is less than 150,000 pounds and this the dealers consider only a "flea bite."

Prices range high, as haddock are selling for \$5.50 and codfish from \$6 to \$7. Hake, under the pressure of rather large receipts, are off, but are bringing from \$1 to \$2, while pollock, which are wanted, are holding up to \$2.

The fares range from 3000 pounds to 40,000, the latter amount, about all hake, going to the credit of sch. Mary Edith. Schs. Evelyn L. Thompson and Ida S. Brooks, with smaller fares, but a good bunch of cod and haddock, are in for fine stocks, while schs. Stranger and Mary B. Greer will also fare well, indeed every craft in, for the fare she has, will come out all right on the money end.

Quite a lot of sea scallops reached Boston yesterday morning on the Bangor boat. The new law, which forbids soaking scallops in fresh water in Maine to swell them, has proved a benefit to the fishermen, and the Maine large scallops now compete well with the smaller ones from Cape Cod. There are not many of the latter coming to the market just at present, as the fishermen are not taking them.

The receipts and arrivals this morning are as follows:

### Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Marian, 3000 pollock.
- Sch. George H. Lubee.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 500 cod, 2500 pollock.
- Sch. Mary Edith, 40,000 hake.
- Sch. Mary B. Green, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 22,000 hake, 4000 pollock.
- Sch. Priscilla, 15,000 pollock.
- Sch. Stranger, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.
- Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 400 cod, 6000 pollock.
- Sch. Hockomock, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 10,000 hake.
- Sch. Lochinvar, 1200 haddock, 1500 cod, 15,000 hake, 5000 pollock.
- Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 800 haddock, 1000 cod, 20,000 hake.
- Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake.
- Sch. Mattakesett, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 20,000 hake, 6000 cusk.
- Sch. Emily Sears, 14,000 pollock.
- Sch. Massasoit, 5000 cod, 4000 pollock.
- Sch. Teresa and Alice, 900 haddock, 500 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 17,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1 swordfish.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Grace Otis, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 hake.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 9000 hake.
- Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 20,000 hake.
- Sch. Good Luck, 18,000 cod.
- Sch. Little Fanny, 1500 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Valentina, 19,000 pollock.
- Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 13,000 pollock.
- Sch. Julietta, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Marguerite McKenzie, 2400 cod, 2500 pollock.
- Sch. Uncle Sam, 500 cod, 2500 pollock.
- Haddock, \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$6; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$2; swordfish, 18 cts. per lb.

### Maine Officials Waring on Short Lobsters.

The persistency and determination with which the short lobster fishermen at Cliff island and vicinity have been hounded this season by State Lobster Wardens Hanna, Snow and others has had the desired effect, the heavy fines which some of them have been called on to pay during the past few months having convinced them that there is no longer any money in the illegal traffic. It is understood that last week at a well attended meeting of the fishermen of Long, Cliff and Great Chebeague islands a sort of protective union was formed, the members of which agrees not only to hereafter abstain from handling the shorts in any way except to throw them overboard, but to expose to the officers the names of any parties whom they shall detect evading this agreement. If this policy is lived up to it will certainly go a great way in putting a stop to the short lobster business and in the long run will be of benefit to the fishermen. The State power boat Carmelita has been in port here for several days and will remain until Wednesday. The officers made a short cruise yesterday, going out to Pine Point, and in that neighborhood captured over 200 shorts, but did not succeed in getting the owner.

### Tarpon on Exhibition.

A large tarpon was on exhibition at the store of Robert O'Brien & Sons on Atlantic avenue, Boston, yesterday. This is the oddest of all the odd fish brought here this year, and one of the last that would be looked for in northern waters. The fish weighed over 40 pounds, and was taken in one of the traps on Cape Cod. This has been an unusually good year for strange fish, and several southern fish have been brought in on schooners and from the traps, but the tarpon caught on Cape Cod has attracted more notice than any of the others.

### Large Mackerel Mounted.

The big 7½-pound mackerel, which was brought to T wharf during the summer and sold, has been mounted, and now occupies a place on the wall of the office of Elmer Prior at T wharf. The mackerel is said to be the largest ever brought in, and some of the old seiners say they never heard of one as large.

### Portland Fishing Notes.

A large fleet of the local fishermen which went out Monday morning to the fishing grounds, about 20 miles off the Cape, put back in disgust, not being able to set their trawls owing to the rough weather.

The United States fish commission steamer Gannet was in port Monday, the first time for a week, and left yesterday morning for Portsmouth and other points in that vicinity to purchase "seeders."

### Landed Swordfish.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks at Boston today from Georges has a swordfish on board. Stray swordfish seem to be hanging on unusually late this year.

## NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING FLEET.

### Vessels Getting Away as Rapidly as Possible.

Cured fish arrivals from Maine ports are the main feature of the receipts here since last report, no less than five craft arriving with from 700 to 1000 quintals each. Besides these there are two codfish arrivals from Quero Bank and the torchers brought over some herring.

The cured fish crafts include schs. Lillian, Sadie A. Kimball, Susan Frances, M. J. Sewall and Laura and Marion.

From Quero bank is sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, with a good fare, 100,000 pounds of fresh cod, 40,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut, while sch. Rex,

Capt. John Grady came in during the night with another good trip, 145,000 pounds of fresh cod and 35,000 pounds of salt cod.

During the night and early morning the torchers brought in about 125 barrels of fresh herring.

Yesterday three of the Newfoundland salt herring fleet sailed on the trips to Bay of Islands, the crafts to get away being schs. Olga, Capt. John Burton; Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Al Evans; sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Charles Rudolph. Schs. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia and J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Michael Wise.

Today three more of the Newfoundland salt herring fleet will get away sch. Arethusa, Capt. Jerry E. Cook; Corona, Capt. Albert Hudder and S. P. Willard, Capt. Augustus Peterson.

The arrivals and receipts are:

### Today's Receipts.

- Sch. Catherine Burke, Quero Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod, 40,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Rex, Quero Bank, 145,000 lbs. fresh cod, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Lillian, Matinicus, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. M. J. Sewall, Jonesport, Me., 900 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. Laura and Marion, Cundy's Harbor, Me., 900 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. Susan Frances, Korea, Me., 700 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
- Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.
- Boats and torchers, 125 bbls fresh herring.
- Sch. Sadie A. Kimball, Swan's Island, Me., 1000 qtls. cured fish.
- Sch. Eddie A. Minot, shore, 255 bbls. salt herring.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Olga, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Arethusa, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. Corona, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. S. P. Willard, Newfoundland herring trip.
- Sch. James and Esther, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.
- Sch. Emerald, haddocking.
- Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.
- Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, Boston.
- Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.

### Today's Fish Market.

- Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
- Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2, market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.
- Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.
- Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
- Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.
- Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.
- Bank halibut, 11½ cents per pound.
- Small lots fresh halibut, 19 cts. lb.
- Flitched halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.
- Salt large shore mackerel, rimmed, late caught, \$38 per bbl. for large and \$22 for medium.
- Board of Trade prices:
- Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
- Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
- Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.
- Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
- Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
- Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
- Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
- Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

### Fresh Mackerel at Boston.

Mackerel, about four barrels, came up from Cape Cod traps to Boston yesterday morning. The fish were small, but the dealers are waiting for the arrival of the steamer from Yarmouth today, on which they hope to have some of the large fish that are still being taken along the coast of Nova Scotia.

### Bad Weather on the Grounds.

All the incoming vessels, both here and at Boston report bad weather of late on the fishing grounds and on the passage home. No heavy gales were encountered but the wind was just enough to preclude fishing and to make the homeward passage long and hard.



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## NOT SO MANY TRAWLERS.

Fish Fleet Has Not Been Very Successful Over Here This Year.

According to North Sydney, C. B., advices, there will not be as many French steam trawlers over on the western Atlantic grounds next summer as there have been the past season, and this because many of the fleet have not done as well as was expected, and will go back to France with only partial fares.

The steam trawler Sacha was at North Sydney for coal, and will soon go home. Only five of the fleet of over 30 of these French steam fishing craft are now operating on the banks, the rest having gone home.

It is a matter for much consideration that this steam trawling fleet should not have an altogether successful season in a year when codfish were so plentiful as they have been the past season on Quero Bank.

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## HALIBUT MANAGER BACK EAST.

A. L. Hager, manager of the western plant of the New England Fish Company, who has been on the Pacific coast for the past year, increasing the means of supplying Boston with halibut and salmon, has come back to the east for a short visit. Since he has been in the west Mr. Hager has completed the new halibut plant of the company at Ketchikan, Alaska, and has acquired two new steamers to be used in halibut fishing. The plant has all modern appliances for dressing and preparing the halibut for shipping, so that now the fish are brought to the plant, cleaned, boxed and shipped, all within one day. By this method the halibut now arrive in Boston in refrigerator cars in quick time.

Besides extending the company's halibut business Mr. Hager has also improved and extended the salmon business, which forms no inconsiderable part of the company's business. He will return to the west after a short stay here.

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## PRETTY NEAR THE TOP NOTCH.

## Fine Prices For Fancy Mackerel of Sch. George Parker.

Salt mackerel soared again to luxurious heights yesterday, when the fare of sch. George Parker sold to the Frank E. Davis Fish Company for the lump sum of \$1100. In the lot were 20 barrels of large salt vessel rimmed fish and 22 barrels of plain salt mediums. The bidding on the fare was spirited, and the price is a big one indeed.

The price averages over \$26 per barrel, as the fish run, but figuring on the relative values of large and medium fish, and considering that the medium fish were plain, it is safe to say that the basis on which the large mackerel were figured, will come pretty handy to being one of the highest prices ever paid for large fish. The highest price, some of the dealers say, ever paid for large salt mackerel, was several years ago, when a lot of Block Island fish brought \$42.50 per barrel.

The fare of the George Parker were fine fish and in nice order, having been well taken care of.

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According to the Newfoundland department of marine and fisheries, herring are early on the west coast this season, for word has been received by the department that a fine body of herring were 20 miles north of Bonne Bay on Friday last and working down the coast.

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## Fares Sold.

The fare of dory handline salt cod of sch. Mina Swim sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at Board of Trade prices and the fare of fresh and salt cod of sch. Dictator went to George Perkins & Son.

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## SALT COD TRIP WELCOMED.

## Portland Paper Hopes For Revival of Salt Fish Industry.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman of this port has arrived at Portland from this port to discharge her fare of 100,000 pounds of salt cod, the fare having been previously brought here direct from the fishing ground and purchased by Fred Bradley, the trip to be taken out at Portland.

Here is what a Portland exchange says about it:

"The schooner was docked at the fish wharf of the Lord Brothers at South Portland, where the cargo will be discharged. This is the first fare of the kind to be landed here for quite a term of years and it is hoped points the way to a revival of what was 25 years ago a most promising Portland industry, giving employment to a large number of people and distributing yearly in the way of wages, supplies, etc., nearly \$250,000.

At the time above mentioned quite a fleet of vessels annually fitted out at this port for the Bank fisheries and the cargoes of salt cod they brought in were mostly landed at House Island, being handled by C. & H. Trefethen and Alpheus Sterling, a large business also being done at Diamond Island by Lewis, Chase & Whitten. The latter firm afterward transferred their business to South Portland and erected the fish houses now owned by the Lord Brothers.

"At the time the industry was flourishing here four firms were doing a prosperous business in the same line at Southport, viz., F. Orne & Sons, Daniel Cameron, Geo. W. Pierce and W. T. Maddocks, the latter at present bookkeeper at the Portland Cold Storage Co., plant. These concerns long ago went out of business and with the exception of the few vessels from Bucksport now engaged in the salt cod fishery Gloucester has scooped the whole trade. The Lord Brothers have the facilities at South Portland for quite an extensive business, and it is to be hoped that a partial revival at least of the industry will be attempted."

## Last Pacific Codfisherman Home.

The barkentine Fremont, the last of the Pacific codfishing fleet, came into San Francisco last week with a cargo of 81,000 fish, for the Union Fish Company. This vessel was the only American codfisher operating in the Okhotsk Sea, and brought back the news that fishing there was very poor this season. Considerable cruising had to be done before a decent catch could be secured. Four Japanese schooners were operating for codfish in this vicinity, and 79 Japanese vessels were out after salmon. Capt. Schmidt reported that the day after leaving San Francisco one of the seamen, C. Carlson, was lost, but how he went overboard was a mystery. On July 28 another man almost lost his life while fishing. His dory capsized and he managed to right it and clamber back in, but when rescued was almost dead from exposure. The following day a heavy gale was experienced, and the Fremont lost an anchor and 90 feet of chain.

## Pensacola Notes.

Last Friday 80,000 pounds of red-snappers reached here, part coming to the Warren Fisheries Company and some to E. E. Saunders & Company. The 40 tons were received in eight vessels, making an average of 5,000 pounds per vessel, though that is not correct, as sch. Nautilus, of E. E. Saunders & Co., brought only 1,000 pounds, while sch. Aureola, of the Warren Fisheries Company, had 11,000 pounds. Sch. Caviare had 15,000 pounds. The fish were nearly all large-sized fish.

Although the entire arriving fleet sailed over various routes, practically covering every route usually taken by returning sailing vessels, none saw anything of the long overdue sch. Frances H., and some were affected when informed upon reaching here that the smack named had not yet been reported from any point.

## Sardine Business Booming.

The sardine business is now on in full swing and millions of them will be shipped from Maine to outside points. The pack this year was a record one and the orders received have been larger than usual. The steamer Monhegan arrived at Portland Monday from Boothbay with a cargo that took up every inch of space.

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It was one of the largest cargoes ever handled and it would have been impossible to have cared for another article. Included in the cargo was a consignment of 5000 cases for a large wholesale house in New York. The shipments will be to different states and it is also said that a big consignment will be sent to Bordeaux, France, the tins to be relabeled and then reshipped to this country and disposed of as a French product.

## Fresh Cod Shack Stock.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, stocked \$2981 on her recent fresh cod shack trip, the crew sharing \$74.

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## HIGH PRICES KEEPING UP.

## Boston Dealers Asking Good Money For Their Stocks.

Boston has a pretty fair supply of fish today, but the T wharf dealers evidently don't think there is any too much to go round for they are keeping up the high prices that have prevailed all the week on haddock and pollock. Hake and pollock being in very generous receipt are down in price, but this is only what is expected.

The fares in this morning are mostly in market boats and in the bunch are nine pollockers, some of them with big catches, and but two of the big off-shore vessels. All have new fish and thus will get in, to a greater or less extent, according to the size of their trips on the big prices that are prevailing.

Haddock, new, are strong at from \$5 to \$6.30, with codfish at the same figures. Hake are going at from 70c to \$1.50 and pollock went off at from 80c to \$1.

Sch. Josie and Phebe with 48,000 pounds has the largest trip, the other fares ranging from 2000 to 36,000 pounds.

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Regina, 7000 haddock, 9000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 800 haddock, 9000 cod, 16,000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Reliance, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Standish, 25,000 pollock.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod, 7000 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Matchless.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 3500 haddock, 1500 cod, 11,000 hake, 1200 cusk, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 7000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 3000 hake, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Vesta, 5500 pollock.

Sch. Elva L. Spirling, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 17,000 hake, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 35,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Leo, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Lafayette, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 22,000 pollock.

Steamer Spray, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. James and Esther, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 10,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.

Haddock, \$5 to \$6.30 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6.30; market cod, \$5 to \$5.50; hake, 70c to \$1.50; pollock, 80c to \$1.



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## SALT COD IS COMING IN.

### Several Big Fares Came Into Port Yesterday Afternoon.

There has been quite a lot of salt cod in since last report. Sch. Harvard, one of the dory handline fleet, arrived yesterday afternoon from her second trip of the season with 150,000 pounds and sch. Grayling, one of the eastern deck handliners, came along with 70,000 pounds. This morning sch. Mina Swim, another of the dory handliners, arrived with 110,000 pounds and sch. Madonna towed up the harbor with 150,000 pounds.

Sch. Dictator, of the fresh halibut fleet, is in. She fished on Quero and as halibut were scarce she fished for codfish and brought home 100,000 pounds of fresh and 30,000 pounds of salt, with a few halibut to top off the trip with.

This morning the torchers had about 100 barrel of fresh herring.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, yesterday credited with 255 barrels of salt herring, should have been reported with 25 barrels.

During the forenoon, sch. Norma arrived from her second dory handline codfishing trip to Quero with 180,000 pounds of salt cod, bringing the salt cod receipts for the day up over the 700,000 pound mark. Sch. Rozella came in during the forenoon with a cargo of cured fish.

#### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Harvard, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 175,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Madonna, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 150,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mina Swim, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 110,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Grayling, Quero Bank, deck handlining, 70,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Dictator, Quero Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 2500 lbs. halibut.

Boats and torchers, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore.

Sch. Norma, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 180,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Rozella, Southwest Harbor, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Hockomock, Boston, sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, Boston, sch. Ida S. Brooks, Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thalia, pollocking.

Sch. Ramona, Georges.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2, market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.

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Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Myra Sears, New Harbor, Me., for this port with cured fish, was at Portland Tuesday.

Schs. Fanny Hayden and Fanny Reed were at Portland Tuesday.

Sch. Manhasset sailed from Canso, N. S., Monday last for the banks.

Sch. Arbutus arrived at Louisburg, C. B., Monday last and cleared.

The Nova Scotia schs. Minnie D. and Kimberly from Canadian Labrador, also arrived at Louisburg, bound to Halifax with 1500 quintals each of cured codfish.

#### Made a Good Season.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred Morrissey, has just completed a successful salt trawl bank codfishing season and is fitting for a Newfoundland salt-herring trip. On her first trip the craft weighed off 292,000 pounds of salt cod, stocking \$7265.10, the sharmen of the crew receiving \$200.20 each. On the second trip she weighed off 305,206 pounds of salt cod, stocking \$8951.33, the sharmen each getting the fine amount of \$326.98, thus giving the craft a season's stock, on the two trips, of \$16,215.43 and the sharmen \$527.18, which is certainly good work. Capt. Morrissey is one of the leading skip-pers of the salt codfishing fleet and can always be counted on for a successful season.

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## FOULED BY FRENCH TRAWLER

### Another Gloucester Vessel Has Damage Done to It.

The recent reports of American vessels being towed bodily and their cables cut off by French steam trawlers, received another addition this morning when Capt. Fred Thompson of sch. Dictator told his story. As in the other cases, the incident happened recently and seems to show that the Frenchman, some of them, who are left on the bank, are having hard work to make up a trip and are daring to go to any limit to get fish.

In the case of the Dictator, the vessel which was on Quero bank, had completed a big day's fishing, Capt. Thompson estimating that the "deck" was good for fully 50,000 pounds of fine cod. The big catch was noted by the Frenchman in the vicinity and he doubtless made up his mind to get on that spot and do some hard trawling after nightfall.

That's what he did do, at any rate, for while the crew of the Dictator, by the light of their torches, were dressing down their big catch, they saw Mr. Francois cutting up across their bow. The steamer came pretty close, but none of the crew suspected that his trawl had fouled their cable and cut it off and set their craft adrift, but this was just what he had done. They kept on with their dressing, and it was not until fully 30,000 pounds of the fish had been cared for that they noted the craft was acting queerly and were not long in finding out that she was adrift.

There was no wind to cause the anchor to break out or the string to chafe off, and so they correctly came to the conclusion that the big steam trawler was the cause of their trouble. They hove in the cable, and sure enough, there it was, where the great steel hawser of the beam trawl had come across it and cut it off as clip and clean as with a sharp knife. Quite a piece of the cable was lost, as well as the anchor.

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#### Good Season at Salmonier.

The fishery at Salmonier, St. Mary's Bay, N. F., has been a very successful one this season, and all the men there have done well. Michael McDonald is the high liner, with about 700 quintals. His brother William had 600, while several others there have from 400 to 600 quintals.

#### Rough at Yarmouth, N. S.

The fishing schooners operating off Yarmouth, N. S., have been lying in the Sound for the past week, having been prevented from fishing by the extremely rough weather.

#### Mackerel at Liverpool.

About 25,000 mackerel were taken at Liverpool, N. S., between Wednesday of last week and Tuesday of this week.

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## WANT A NEW FISH LOCATION.

### Committee on Metropolitan Improvements Hears Favorable Arguments.

### T Wharf in Boston Has been Outgrown by Business Increase.

A new corporation of the fish dealers of Boston may be formed with powers to execute papers to insure the use of the Commonwealth docks in South Boston to handle the fishing industry, as a result of a hearing before the joint board of Metropolitan Improvements held at the State House yesterday afternoon.

A large number of well-known fish dealers were present and were represented by Addison Burnham as counsel.

After an argument, in which the magnitude of the fish business in Boston and the benefit the city derived from Boston's fish market, the second largest fresh fish mart in the world, was pointed out, the matter of transferring the business from T wharf to the Commonwealth docks in South Boston was taken under advisement.

No one appeared in opposition to the transfer, which every fish dealer in Boston favors. They stated their willingness to pay a rental to the state for the use of the docks, which would repay the Commonwealth for concreting the docks to make the handling of fish sanitary and also permit a return on the heavy investment that the state has made in building the dock which has remained idle for the greater part of the time.

#### Mr. Burnham's Argument.

"The fish industry at T wharf is the largest fish industry in the United States, and with the exception of Grimsby, Eng., is the largest in the world," said Mr. Burnham, in arguing for the removal. "Over 125,000,000 pounds of fresh fish, exclusive of shell fish, and valued at \$6,000,000, are handled at this port every year, representing an investment of \$3,000,000.

"To do this business 325 vessels are employed, requiring 6500 men directly, and indirectly several times that number. It is not uncommon for 100 vessels to be in port at one time for discharge. Such a fleet cannot be handled at T wharf, and vessels are frequently required to wait three days for discharge. Oftentimes with this condition vessels are sent to other ports, to the detriment of Boston's business."

The fish dealers declare that with a little dredging the Commonwealth docks will accommodate nicely the entire fishing business and permit it to grow. The docks should be equipped with concrete floors to lessen the probability of fire, and to enable the floors to be washed daily, making the handling more sanitary. It will afford an anchorage on the open roadway into the harbor, making the charges of towing less, and permit the running of side tracks onto the docks, doing away with the teaming.

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#### TEST FOR FISHHOOKS.

### Story Told By the Skipper to the Party About To Go Bluefishing.

A party in waters down east a piece was going bluefishing. The boy had brought the fishing tackle up from the cabin and now the skipper was sitting on deck, with a big file filing the hooks.

"Used to be a man go bluefishing with me," the skipper said, "that always filed his own hooks. Carried a file in his pocket for just that. Always had the file with him and at ays filed his own hooks."

"When he'd got a hook filed he'd test it by hanging it on his nose. He'd tip his head back, just a little, and just rest the point of the hook on his nose, and if it slid off he'd sharpen it some more, but if it hung there he knew it was all right."

"Singular way of testing fish hooks?" said one of the party.

"It was," said the skipper, "but he always caught fish."